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SUBJECT: APRIL 23 DRC REVIEW OF NATO FORCE PROPOSALS/GOALS-GREECE

REF: A. USNATO 2016 (NOTAL)

B. USNATO 1837 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY. DRC ON APRIL 23 , WITH REVIEW OF GREEK CHAPTER, COMPLETED ITS REEXAMINATION OF COUNTRY CHAPTERS ON 1975 TO 1980 DRAFT FORCE GOALS. DRC MADE NO MAJOR REVISIONS TO GREEK CHAPTER. END SUMMARY.

1. DRC ON APRIL 23 REVIEWED REVISED COUNTRY CHAPTER ON GREEK 1975 TO 1980 DRAFT FORCE GOALS (DRC/WP(74)1(REV). GREEK REP (RAPHAEL) TRIED, WITH LIMITED SUCCESS, TO REINSERT AS DRAFT FORCE GOALS A NUMBER OF MNCS FORCE PROPOSALS IN THEIR ORIGINAL FORM (ONLY ONE OF WHICH IS A US PRIORITY PROPOSAL). US REP (CLINARD) REITERATED THAT FORCE GOALS PACKAGE FORWARDED BY SECRET

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DRC TO DPC SHOULD BE REALISTIC, AND SUGGESTED DELETION OF WORDS "IT IS ESSENTIAL" PRECEDING "THAT THE REQUIRED AID BE MADE AVAILABLE" IN THE PENULTIMATE SENTENCE OF PARA 34. CHAIRMAN HUMPHREYS SUGGESTED SUBSTITUTION OF COMPROMISE

LANGUAGE "IT IS VERY DESIRABLE THAT, ETC."; DRC ACCEPTED COMPROMISE LANGUAGE.

2. AT URGING OF GREEK REP, DRC REINSERTED SERIAL 1M16 (US PRIORITY PROPOSAL). 1M16 WILL READ "EXAMINE FEASIBILITY OF ACQUIRING FOUR LANDING SHIPS AS REPLACEMENT FOR OBSOLETE UNITS". DRC ALSO AGREED TO GREEK PROPOSAL TO DELETE REFERENCE TO DATES IN SERIAL 1L12 DEALING WITH INCREASING DIVISIONAL MANNING LEVELS. DRC AMENDED SERIAL 1L05 TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT PROPOSAL CALLS FOR REPLACEMENT OF ALL M-47S IN CAT A UNITS AND REWORDED 1M15 TO READ " EXAMINE FEASIBILITY OF ACQUIRING 6 MINEHUNTERS WITH MINESWEEPING CAPABILITIES."

3. IN INTERESTS OF REALISM, DRC DECIDED NOT TO REINSERT SERIAL 1A13 , WHICH CALLS FOR REPLACEMENT OF ONE SQUADRON OF NORDATLAS AND TO LEAVE SERIAL 1M03 PERTAINING TO GUIDED MISSILE COASTAL ESCORTS AS IT APPEARS IN REVISED CHAPTER.

4. DRC ADDED CUSTOMARY PARA ON MILITARY IMPLICATIONS OF DRC REVISIONS TO MNCS FORCE PROPOSALS. THRUST OF PARA IS THAT DRC RECOGNIZES THAT DRAFT FORCE GOALS THEY ARE RECOMMENDING, AS COMPARED TO FORCE PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED BY MNCS, REPRESENT A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN CAPABILITY CALLED FOR FROM GREECE. HOWEVER, IF DRAFT FORCE GOALS PACKAGE IS IMPLEMENTED, IT WOULD REPRESENT A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IF FORCE CAPABILITIES OF GREECE.

5. GREEK REP ASKED THAT DECISION SHEET FOR APRIL 23 MEETING REFLECT THAT HIS AUTHORITIES ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO FORMATION OF STANAVFORMED (SERIAL 1M11).

6. DANISH, NORWEGIAN, AND NETHERLANDS REPS REQUESTED THAT DECISION SHEET RECORD THAT THEIR AUTHORITIES CANNOT ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE COUNTRY CHAPTER FOR EXTERNAL AID TO GREECE. IN RESPONSE, GREEK REP ASKED THAT DECISION SHEET INCLUDE A STATEMENT ALONG LINES OF ONE IN DRC/DS(71)21 (1971 DECISION SHEET OF DRC MEETING ON STRENGTH-  
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ENING OF GREEK AND TURKISH LOCAL FORCES), WHICH EXPRESSES CONCERN OF GREEK GOVERNMENT OVER THE ATTITUDE OF SOME MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE WHO DO NOT ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES, AS FAR AS GREECE IS CONCERNED, WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO OVERCOME THROUGH EXTERNAL AID THE DEFICIENCIES IN GREECE FORCES. CHAIRMAN HPOED THAT THE RECORDING OF NATIONAL VIEWS IN DRC DECISION SHEET WOULD PREEMPT NECESSITY FOR DPC DISCUSSION OF THIS SENSITIVE PROBLEM.

7. CHAIRMAN INDICATED THAT HE EXPECTED SCHEDULE FOR DPC CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT FORCE GOALS TO BE DISCUSSED UNDER "ANY OTHER BUSINESS" AT APRIL 24 DPC MEETING. DRC ON APRIL 25 IS TO DISCUSS REVISED GENERAL REPORT FORWARDING DRC RECOMMENDED DRAFT FORCE FOALS TO DPC PERM REPS (DRC/WP(74)1(REV); SEE USNATO 1905));

CHAIRMAN HOPES TO FINALIZE GENERAL REPORT AT APRIO 25  
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